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Minutes

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Des Moines, IA

Welcome and Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened a regular meeting in the Grant Room of the Jessie Parker Building. Commissioner Grandquist called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Roll Call

Members Present

Betty Grandquist, Chair
Jill Bjerke (teleconference)
Carole Dunkin
Quentin Hart
Willard Jenkins (Noon)
Richard Stone
Bev Winkie
Rep. Pettengill* (10:30)

Members Absent

Sen. Dotzler*
Sen. Johnson*
Rep. Gaskill*

The arrival times of members who entered after roll call are noted.

*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

Others Present or on the call: See sign-in sheet.

Agenda

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Hart, and a second by Commissioner Stone to reorder the agenda as requested by moving the "Join the Conversation" Partner Recap and Discussion: Where Do We Go from Here after announcements. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes

The minutes of June 5, 2015 stand as presented.

Federal Aging Perspective

The Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) provided information on the following topics:

- Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA)
- The Proposed Amendment to the OAA Reauthorization Act (See handout: Proposed Amendment to S.192 for the amendment language)
- Congressional Visits
- Public Health and Aging Summit

The Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman (OSLTCO) provided information on the following topics (see the OSLTCO) memo for additional detail):

- Long Term Care Ombudsman Regulations
- Medicare and Medicaid Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities
- Managed Care Regulations

State Aging Perspective

The IDA and OSLTCO reviewed highlights from the 2015 legislative session. See the handout for details. The IDA provided a recap of the “Join the Conversations” event. See the handout for details. Discussion was held on the following topics that were of interest to the Commission, Dept. on Aging, and Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman over the course of the last year:

- Elder Abuse
- Department redesign
- Renaming Office of Substitute Decision Maker
- Direct Care Workforce
- Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman
- LifeLong Links
- Transportation
- Medical Care
- Support Services

Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award

The nominating committee consisting of Dunkin, Winkie, and Stone were asked to review and complete a rubric on each nominee before the meeting. The committee met earlier in the morning to provide a recommendation to the Commission for the Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award. The committee unanimously recommended That Patti Esch be awarded the Betty Grandquist Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. With no opposition or nominations from the floor the recommendation stands.

Announcements from the Commission and/or Department

- Centenarian Celebrations (See handout for dates and locations)
- Governor’s Conference on Aging and Disability (See handout for details)
- National Association of States United for Aging and Disability Spring Meeting/Managed Care Summit

“Join the Conversation” Partner Recap

Each partner provided a recap of what they heard at the “Join the Conversation” event and what they continue to hear from Iowans.

The partners who presented included:

- AARP Iowa, due to a conflict AARP was not able to be present during this portion of the meeting but did provide a brief recap at the end of the meeting,
- Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Iowa Chapter,
- The Hale Group,
- Iowa Area Agencies on Aging,
- Iowa CareGivers,
- Older Iowans Legislature

The partners not able to attend the meeting included:

- Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans,
- Jewish Family Services

Discussion: Where Do We Go From Here?

A lengthy discussion was held on where we go from here, focus areas and format of meetings. Highlights of the discussion:

- Use the commission meeting for forums and public input.
 - Travel around the state.
 - Non-Traditional locations.
 - A meeting in each PSA.
- Focus on 3 -5 issues at forums.
 - Public awareness/information.
- Discussion with other local elected bodies?
 - Recommendations to elected officials.
- Commission / AAA collaboration on additional input sites.
- Non-profit outreach and advocacy.
- Outreach to other non-traditional organizations that touch/impact older Iowans such as Iowa League of Cities and Iowa State Association of Counties.

Action: There was a motion by Jenkins and a second by Hart to table the discussion. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Next Commission Meeting

The commission approved the following meeting in June 2015:

- September 18 in Des Moines
- October 16
- November 13
- December 18

Public Comment

No written comment was received.

No public comment was received.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time the meeting was adjourned at 2.25PM.

Chair

Date

Recording Secretary

Date